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STATE PARKS: PRESENT AND FUTURE

Emerald Bay is in our news again. Some time ago the State Highway Commission ordered a survey by a competent geologist of both the high level road (present Highway 89) and the proposed low level route across the mouth of Emerald Bay on a bridge. That report, by Dr. Cleeves of Washington University at St. Louis, was presented to the Commission at a recent meeting. Both routes were found to be feasible. The snowsheds proposed on the high level road to avoid danger of snow and rock slides would not be practical due to the unstable nature of the terrain but a tunnel through the dangerous section of the route is practical and might even be the less expensive of the two methods of creating a winter-safe all year highway. As to relative costs of high and low level routes, the report indicates that the low level, with bridge, would probably be more expensive to build.

Needless to say we are not sorry to hear this opinion, which will carry much weight with the Highway Commission. They are, of course, officially neutral but there has been a noticeable lack of enthusiasm for the low level highway. The Department of Beaches and Parks certainly opposes the lower road which would destroy so much precious State Park area each side of the mouth of Emerald Bay. But the various interests at the south end of Lake Tahoe which want to attract business from the resorts all the way up the west shore are insistently in favor of the lower route and are starting a campaign to promote it--demanding action now. When the matter has been discussed in the Conservation Committee we will inform our readers of the best way and time to counter this commercial pressure, probably by personal letters to the Governor.

Another State Park in our news is Anza Borrego, that huge and beautiful desert tract on the southern borders of the State. The Navy proposes to set up a bombing range close to the Park boundary. The

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The next issue--Deadline December 2--will probably be the last issue this year. Get your contributions, particularly announcements, in on time.

S.C.O.F.C.P.

By golly, let's be jolly and come to the Sierra Club Old Fashioned Christmas Party.

As Old Saint Nick says; "Let's start the gay evening off by gathering around the piano (plus maybe a uke or two) and join in singing Christmas carols in the cozy atmosphere of the Elks Club.

Yes, the date is December 7 at the Elks Club, 456 Post St., San Francisco. Carolling at 8:30, buffet dinner at 11; Saint Nick to distribute gifts to the merry throng and dancing to Murray Peterson's orchestra. Tickets are $3.85 and are available at the Club office or from:

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Bob Smith	UNderhill 1-9694
Mary Ann Honerkamp	VAlencia 4-4593
Simon Miedema	LOmbard 4-2706

--Simon Miedema

Remember, if you are coming stag to the Christmas Party, we are having a get-acquainted party before the main show.

Since we haven't settled on the place for this extra yet, to obtain this vital info call, before December 7, Mary Ann Honerkamp, VAlencia 4-4593 or Walt Oppenheimer, OVerland 1-5536.

GET YOUR COPY OF THE SCHEDULE EARLY!
Remember the night of December 11th.
Schedule stuffing
7:30 p.m. - at Club office.

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WHAT TRIBE DO YOU BELONG TO?

Roy Dubisch has been keeping things from us. Here are some addenda to his article in the November 4 issue.

Bob Howell, former Bay Chapter alternate to the Sierra Club Council, has advanced to the status of a full Council member, representing the Club Insurance Committee; and Walter Oppenheimer, Outings Committee Chairman of the Bay Chapter, has been appointed the new Bay Chapter alternate representative.

Several basic changes have occurred in the boundaries of the various chapters of the Club in that the Council recommended to the Board of Directors that the Atlantic Chapter boundaries be changed to include the states of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Vermont, Rhode Island, and the District of Columbia. This recommendation was adopted by the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club Board of Directors on the evening of October 26.

In addition, the Toiyabe Chapter boundary has been amended so that it now includes "that part of California east of the crest of the Sierra, north of Kern and San Bernardino Counties, plus Plumas, Lassen, and Modoc Counties and the entire State of Nevada.

Owing to a conflict in the by-law descriptions of several Chapters, Imperial County was officially made a part of the San Diego Chapter.

Of interest to Bay Chapter members is the fact that San Mateo County has been transferred from the San Francisco Bay Chapter to Loma Prieta Chapter, with the stipulation that current Bay Chapter members in San Mateo County be given the option of remaining in the Bay Chapter if they so desire. -- Randal Dickey, Jr.

STATE PARKS (Continued from Page 1)

Sierra Club has protested to the Secretary of the Navy on this location.

In our newspaper today we read that Mr. Newton Drury has told the State Park Commission that much less money is now coming from oil royalties, though there will be more in the future. Projects may have to wait ten years instead of five. Details are not yet known to us but we did note that Commissioner Kasch remarked that new purchases of land might have to give way to development of present parks. Speaking personally, we disagree with Commissioner Kasch. We believe most thoughtful people, looking at the long term trend of land values and population pressures would be for acquisition now. Land, once acquired, doesn't run away, one can always develop it later. Land not purchased when the opportunity arises will cost far more in the future--if it hasn't already vanished under acres of cement. -- CMC

MOUNTAINEARS HEAR

Last issue I got lost back in the store room when I went in to check up on some old material. It was like being in an attic with many fascinating things. I uncovered several books on photography, one by Ansel Adams which was truly a work of art--the pictures of scenery were so beautiful they almost seemed unreal. I got so engrossed I forgot what I went in to look for. The next time you are in the Club office be sure and take advantage of all the books which we have here in the office; it would be well worth your while.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Jesse K. Brown, an active club member for over forty years; he passed away Sunday morning, November 17, at his home in San Francisco.

The November issue of the National Skiing Magazine carries the poem: "Song of the Boomer", written by S.C. member Elliott Sawyer. A copy of same may be obtained by writing to the National Skiing Magazine, 7190 W. 14th Ave., Denver 15, Colorado, or it may be found in any of the ski shops in this area.

Amy Deeter just returned from a vacation of two weeks in Mexico via air and chartered bus with a guided tour of 38.

Betty Stephenson writes: "I surely do look forward to getting the Yodeler. Hope I haven't missed any because of the slow mail! You all do a fine job--and perhaps it is appreciated most by us "expatriates".

Congratulations to Bob Golden and Fay (formerly (Fay Kidder) who were recently married and are now living in Sausalito. Bob is now doing part-time work in the Club office.

Howard (you know who, is getting tired of seeing his name in this column--but he always has such interesting things to tell) had a slight accident last week when he ran into someone's car -- and after checking to see who the other party was, he found him to be an insurance adjuster.

H. R. Petersen finally broke down and subscribed to the Yodeler--hope "Pete" finds his money well spent. -- NP

LEDER HOSEN

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GLencourt 2-1381

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YOUR CHAPTER OFFICERS

The newly elected and re-elected members of the chapter executive committee had their first meeting November 14 and elected:

Ned Robinson . . . . . Chairman
Lou Elliott . . . . . Vice Chairman
Hasse Bunnelle . . . . . Treasurer
Helen Waterman . . . . . Secretary

SONOMA COAST STATE PARK TRIP

The beach north of Bodega Bay lay quiet in the November half-sun at 9 a.m. Sunday the 18th. An hour later it was being trampled 'neath the feet of an invading horde--the Sunday hikers' annual trip to Sonoma Coast State Park had begun.

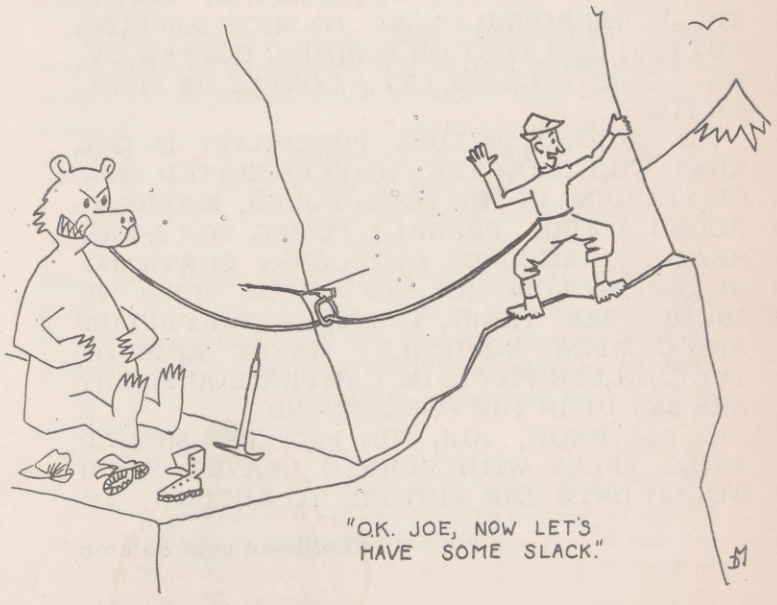
Ninety-two pairs of boots and sneakers swarmed over the coastside ridges and along the beach while godwits, scooters, willets, sanderlings, pelicans and other birds (there were bird-watchers on hand to identify them) looked aghast at the mob.

Where Salmon Creek empties into the ocean it was running high between its banks, so rocks could not be used for bridges. Off came 91 pairs of shoes for the fording of the stream. (Marianne Shepherd thought she could save herself a wash job on her sneakers so she kept them on.) The sand felt good under cold wet feet so leaders Ken Gruber and Marion Baird called an early lunch stop.

After lunch the going was harder, with rock-scrambling the only way to make it to Portuguese Beach. People who like to look at shore animals found enough sea anemones, starfish and limpets to keep them happy. At Portuguese, the group split up, some continuing along the sand and rocks almost to Jenner Beach, where they climbed a cliff to the highway (to the joy of some refugees from RCS and the terror of the less ambitious) and fell into the bus for the return to Portuguese. Others stopped at one point or another shot of the cliff and returned along the beach to the pick-up spot.

The buses then took off for the return trip, leaving the beach to the godwits, scooters, willets, sanderlings, pelicans, starfish, sea anemones and limpets.

-- Anna Rind



YOSEMITE WEEKEND — LIFE vs The Yodeler

Life with LIFE

NYK 9/8 SNF NOV 7 1957
TO POLLARD, FOR PORTER SAN FRANCISCO
FM TOM CARMICHAEL, LIFE MAGAZINE (FOR HOLDEN, MANNERS AND MORALS), NEW YORK

WE WANT TO ASSIGN THE SIERRA CLUB CAMPING TRIP IN YOSEMITE PARK NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 FOR A COLOR OPENER FOR OUR ESSAY ON THE BOOM IN U.S. CAMPING. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PICTURE FOR US, SINCE IT IS THE LAST CHANCE THIS SEASON TO DO A PICTURE THAT SUMS UP AMERICA'S MASS MOVE TO THE CAMPGROUNDS, AND WE'D LIKE YOU TO TRY IT EVERY POSSIBLE WAY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR A VERTICAL OVERALL SHOT TO USE ON A RIGHTHAND PAGE WITH TEXT UNDER THE PICTURE.

WE HAVE TWO WAYS OF SHOOTING THIS PICTURE IN MIND BUT IF OTHERS OCCUR TO YOU, WE HOPE YOU WILL TRY THEM. FIRST, WE WANT A SEEMINGLY CANDID SHOT FILLED WITH TENTS AND ACTIVITY. SEEMS TO US THAT ALL THE TENTS AND TARPAULINS EXCEPT ONE BEING PUT UP SHOULD BE FULLY UP AND VISIBLE. AMONG THE TENTS WE SHOULD SEE PEOPLE DOING ALL THE THINGS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO DO ON CAMPING TRIPS, SUCH AS TIGHTENING GUY ROPES, BUILDING FIRES, WARMING UP COFFEE, CUTTING WOOD, BRINGING WATER, SHAKING OUT BLANKETS, SHAVING WITH WASH BASINS ETC--THINGS THAT WE CAN POINT OUT IN A CAPTION AS TYPICAL CAMPING CHORES. EVERYBODY SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY READING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO LIGHT A STOVE OR PLAYING CHECKERS.

WE VERY MUCH NEED A SHARP LIVELY PICTURE THAT HAS A DEFINITE FOREGROUND, MIDDLE GROUND AND BACKGROUND, MAYBE THE FOREGROUND OUGHT TO SHOW SOMEONE PUTTING UP A TENT OR WARMING COFFEE OVER A FIRE--PLEASE TRY A COUPLE OF POSSIBILITIES.

THE SECOND PICTURE POSSIBILITY IS ONE THAT WILL SHOW THE CAMPERS SEATED AND/OR STANDING IN THE FOREGROUND, MAYBE AROUND A FIRE, FRANKLY POSING FOR A BIG, HEALTHY, SMILING, OUTDOORSY PORTRAIT. IN THE BACKGROUND AND AT THE SIDES WE SHOULD SEE THEIR TENTS, TARPAULINS AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT MAYBE SOME OF THE SMALLER PIECES OF CAMPING EQUIPMENT ARE SET UP IN THE FOREGROUND

AS YOU KNOW, ALL THE PICTURES SHOULD AVOID TREES WITH BURNED LEAVES WHICH WOULD DATE THE PICTURE TO AUTUMN. IF

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CAR CAMPERS FINALE AT YOSEMITE

The car campers windup trip to Yosemite November 9 to 11 this year had an added attraction. Ansel Adams, famous photographer, shot scenes of "a weekend with Sierra Club campers." On Saturday afternoon about 35 campers with smiling faces and brightly colored jackets and sleeping gear gathered on the lot at Camp 4 and disported themselves in typical camping poses while they were being photographed by Ansel with the grandeur of the granite mountains as backdrops. Don't be surprised to see yourself in Life magazine in early Spring.

After a hike to Happy Isles and return from the lot, lights glowed through Camp 4 as people prepared their evening meal and sacks for what looked like a snappy night. Then campfire, enlivened by the debut of "The Pepper Uppers" who led folk singing to the tune of their new ukes. These people are active members of the car camping committee who set about to learn the uke knowing that warmth is added to campfire by the fellowship of lively singing.

On Sunday, groups of hikers set off on their favorite trails. The planned hike to Nevada Falls

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Life with LIFE (Continued)

YOU NEED SOME CARS TO FILL UP HOLES, OKAY. WE PREFER TENTS AND PEOPLE BUT WOULD RATHER HAVE CARS THAN HOLES.

IF THE SIERRA CLUBBERS ARE AS AGREEABLE AS THEY SEEM, WE'D LIKE IT IF THEY COULD BE PERSUADED TO WEAR THEIR BRIGHTEST SHIRTS AND SWEATERS. AGAIN, STAY AWAY FROM HEAVY PARKAS OR CLOTHES THAT REVEAL THE TIME OF YEAR WE'RE SHOOTING. WE JOIN YOU IN PRAYERS FOR GOOD WEATHER.

MANY THANKS AND REGARDS.

342P JJ/350P

The above is a copy of the teletype from LIFE magazine in New York to their representative in San Francisco regarding the picture taken of the Sierra Club car camping trip to Yosemite on November 9-10-11.

It is our understanding that the information contained in the teletype message was compiled by a woman staff member of LIFE who has allegedly never been outside the City of New York.

The photographs were taken by Ansel Adams and the entire procedure was of great interest to the more than fifty members of the Chapter and their families who participated.

-- Randal F. Dickey, Jr.

WINTER RATES FOR CLAIR TAPPAAN LODGE

	MEMBER	GUEST
a) Per day (other than week-ends and holidays)	$ 4.50	$ 5.50
b) Seven (7) consecutive days	27.00	33.00
c) 5 mid-week days (Monday thru Friday)	20.00	25.00
WEEKEND PACKAGES		
a) Fri. night thru Sun. dinner	9.00	11.00
b) Fri. night thru Sun. lunch	8.50	10.25
c) Fri. night thru Sun. breakfast	8.00	9.50
d) Sat. dinner thru Sun. dinner	7.00	8.50

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For extension of reservations (allowed only during mid-week)

a) breakfast, lunch or lodging	1.00	1.25
b) dinner	1.25	1.75

ALL CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS PLEASE NOTE:

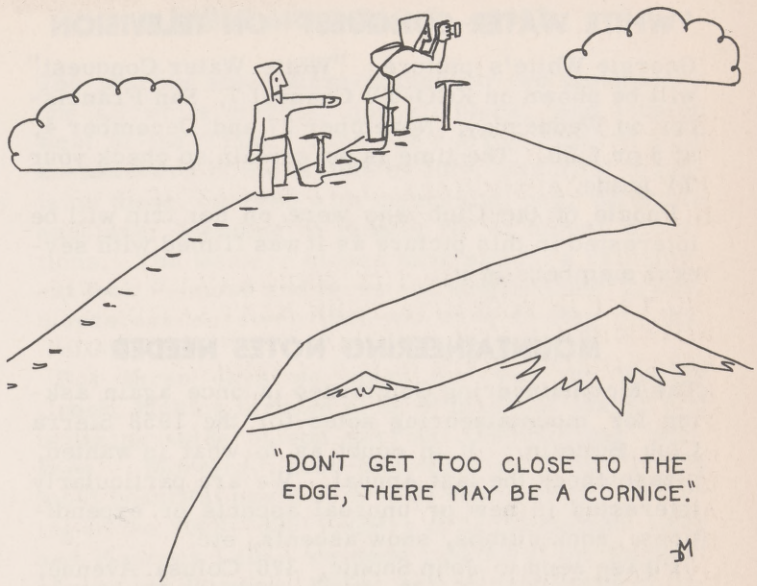
Up to and including Thanksgiving weekend, reservations may be made thru the Lodge. Thereafter, reservations must be made with the Club office, 1050 Mills Tower, 220 Bush St., San Francisco.

The Library Committee needs 3 or 4 Assistant Librarians. No library training or experience necessary. Time required: about 2 hours on Tuesday evenings of alternate weeks, at the Club office. This is an opportunity to perform a real service to your Club. Please call Wesley Noble, WEst 1-6643 evenings, or FIllmore 6-3721 during business hours.

-- Wesley Noble

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THE YODELER

While thumbing through the "Salmon Sheet", as our paper was affectionately called four years ago, we came across: "Do you know anyone, male, or couple preferred, interested in a custodian's job at Tuolumne Meadows this summer?" (We were wondering if anyone got the job.) -- NP



Car Campers Finale at Yosemite
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was changed to Yosemite Falls on the advice of the ranger who thought the trail would be too snowy. It was quite a climb but really worth it. Crunchy leaves, colorful valley scenes from up on high and distant mountains completely transformed by a raiment of fresh snow. Oh yes, I didn't have any lunch when we arrived. Those pesky bears got it. But how? Our food carton had been hoisted on a branch high above the ground but next morning it was low on the ground with only a box of gnawed cereal and three bananas remaining (thanks for the bananas). They must have gotten this meal piggy-back style, or maybe the squirrels went out on a limb for them and chewed off the rope. Needless to say, I was well fed after this tale of woe.

For those lucky enough to stay over, a hike was planned for the next day to Mirror Lake and Valley high spots.

Thanks, Pauline, Ivan, Vivian and Arthur for the work and spirit behind this trip; and to other committee members for many other fond trips this season.

-- MS

One pair Weed tire chains. Will fit 6.40-15, 5.50-16 or 7.00-14 tires. These are the best quality chains on the market and sell new for around $14.00. Will trade for 6.70-15's or sell for $7.50.

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"WHITE WATER CONQUEST" ON TELEVISION

Georgie White's picture, "White Water Conquest" will be shown on KGO-TV Channel 7, San Francisco, on Wednesday, November 27 and December 4, at 6 or 6:30. The time is not certain so check your TV guide.

People of the Club who were on her trip will be interested in this picture as it was filmed with several members in it.

MOUNTAINEERING NOTES NEEDED

The Mountaineering Committee is once again asking for mountaineering notes for the 1958 Sierra Club Bulletin. If in doubt as to what is wanted, please check the last Annual. We are particularly interested in new or unusual ascents or expenditions: rock climbs, snow ascents, etc.

Please send to John Shonle, 376 Colusa Avenue, Berkeley, by the middle of December 1957.

-- R. C. Houston
Mountaineering Committee

RIVER TOURING SECTION

On Sunday, November 17, RTS met at Aquatic Park in Berkeley for a day of flat water slalom practice. Elsa Bailey planned the intricate course around which kayakers practiced turns and paddle technique. The best times were by Bryce Whitmore and Elsa Bailey.

One of our "champions", while attempting to run the course backwards and not having a haystack to brace himself on, took an unexpected "turn" and then gave a demonstration of underwater swimming beneath his boat.

There were many types of folding and fiberglass boats represented, and members and newcomers had a fine chance to compare boats of various designs. We hope to have more of these sessions in the winter season.

-- Bill Bewley

THE MAIL BAG

Congratulations on your editorship of The Yodeler. I think that you are doing a very good job with it. It is certainly the best Yodeler in years. It is also my only link with the San Francisco Bay area and, in fact, California. I eagerly await every issue and read it from cover to cover. (Thanks, Ron. We certainly feel good when we hear things like this. However, we have to share the credit with the rest of the staff, with Barbara Tilden who brought The Yodeler to its present status, and with Lou Elliott who is doing such a terrific production job. --HF)

I am stationed at the Army Air Defense School at Ft. Bliss, Texas. After a year of detailed schooling on the Nike Ajax missile system I became a radar instructor and then a project officer in the Plans Division of the Guided Missiles Department.

I am now going back to school as a student in a 22-week transition course to Nike Hercules.

I have done quite a bit of climbing with the Southwestern Mountaineers in the Organ Mountains north of here. The climbing is fairly good -- sort of a cross between the spires of Pinnacles National Monument and the granite of Yosemite. Pitons are somewhat difficult to drive because of the absence of Yosemite-type cracks, however. The Organs overlook the vast Tularosa Basin to the east, with the White Sands lying to the north. Climbing is very strenuous in the Organs. There is no water, but lots of cactus and rattlesnakes are quite common. It is a two to four hour hike over very rugged terrain to reach most of the good climbing. We usually get up around 2 a.m. to go climbing. Thus, we get most of the hard hiking out of the way before it gets too hot and the dehydration starts. I really miss the relatively "wet" hiking and climbing of California.

We have gotten in quite a bit of rescue experience in the past two years. There have been several accidents and one death. Because of the number of climbers at White Sands Proving Grounds, the Army has been very helpful in furnishing helicopters for rescues. They have also built a sectional stretcher designed by club members employed at the proving grounds. The big advantage of the stretcher is that its sections are used as packboards during the long and rugged hike to the accident victim.

From the amount of rain we have been having lately, it looks like a good ski season this year. Last year was very poor. There were only 4 days of skiing at Cloudcroft, New Mexico, the nearest ski area.

-- Ronald Hahn

TOW OPERATORS STILL WANTED AT CTL

$125 a month plus private room plus board (just try and eat alone up there during the winter season). In return for this, you are sought-after and admired, as Big Man on the Hill. And talk about skiing!

Contact Keith Lummis, Norden, California.

SEEMS LIKE OLD TIMES

It is astonishing to see how far back the Yodeler files must go. The drawing by Jack Riegelhuth in November 4 issue was presumably done before the war and it brings up a flood of amusing recollections that present Yodeler-readers may enjoy hearing.

Jack was active with the rock climbers and skiers and was a member of High Trip Commissary in the thirties. Riegelhuth Minaret is, of course, named for him as leader of the first ascent, during the 1938 High Trip (Jack, Charlotte Mauk, Bill Leovy, Bea Allen).

The cartoon that you dredged up probably was based on an actual incident in Yosemite, when Art Johnson of L. A. reached up and found a baby rattlesnake sunning itself on a ledge above him (I think this was on Sunnyside Bench). Art insisted on playing with the little snake, and of course it did what comes naturally. You should have heard Dick Leonard's nasty laugh (especially reserved for such occasions) echoing from Yosemite walls! The snake was too small to have given him a really dangerous amount of venom, but Art spent a very uncomfortable night, and, I dare say, is now more respectful of snakes.

Jack took part in the building of Peter Grubb Hut, and was in the party of eleven that spent a six-day holiday there (in the original structure, that is) following Christmas 1937. Ed Turner broke an ankle and was taken out by toboggan - an arduous task in a wet snow that turned to heavy rain. Jack went home from that adventure with pneumonia, but recovered again.

His toughness stood him in good stead a couple of years later, when a piece of Arrowhead Spire (on the Marin County coast) fell into the sea while he was climbing on it. Ed Koskinen, working up a nearby chimney, heard a light clink of metal and looked out to see a rope and the piton to which it had been fixed disappearing from his view. He realized with horror that Jack had been rappeling on that rope. The party found Jack on the stony beach 60 feet below with a broken leg and a depressed skull fracture. He was evacuated to the San Rafael Cottage Hospital, which was so crowded that when Jack came to after several days in coma, he found himself in the Maternity Ward! He was tough enough to recover even from that shock (in fact, the doctor said the only thing that saved him was landing on his head.

He spent the war in the Mountain Troops, part of the time teaching at the training school at Seneca Rocks, West Va., in company with other Sierrans, Art Argiewicz, Russ Lindsay (both killed in Italy), Dave Brower, Glen Dawson, Rolf Pundt, and Raffi Bedayn, where flatland troops were introduced to techniques of mountain assault before they were sent overseas to mountainous terrain.

Jack is now living in Portland with his wife, Betty, and two daughters. We'd like to see some more of his drawings. Any more in the file?

-- Charlotte Mauk

MARBLE MOUNTAINS — 1957

The Marble Mountains--named for two mountains, one all white marble, one all black, and located west of the Trinity Alps--saw sixteen Sierra Club knapsackers in the middle of July. Beautiful mountains these, covered with manzanita, oak, madrone and pine, blending to mostly fir at higher elevations. The western slopes have almost a rain-forest look -- moss and ferns and tangled underbrush. Slopes are so steep that you have to stay on the trails.

For three days we hiked our way up Wooley Creek, kicking through piles of madrone leaves and brushing aside poison oak that disputed our passage. Morning, noon and night we swam in the most beautiful pools of crystal cool water. Camping in the 6000-7000' country of Little English Lake and Hancock Lake, we were treated to the thickest of meadow flowers. Never before have leopard lilies grown so thick! Fish were 9" or 10" long and delicious.

Hiking along the Crapo Mountain trail, we were on ridges with constant views of green-clad mountains. The last evening found us huddled under trees just at supper time, with 3/4" hailstones falling all around. Best sight of all was Charley Bloom, determined to get a bath in the creek, standing out under the hailstones pursuing that determination. A day's downhill under the madrones brought us all to the point of thanking Ed Richardson for leading us well, and vowing we'd meet again in October.

And meet in October we did, in Yosemite! The Mountain House at Glacier Point welcomed us with a fine banquet, space to see our slides, a view of the firefall from its source, lodgings looking out over Half Dome to the far snowy peaks. Eleven of the original sixteen looked at yellow oaks and maples, at red dogwood, and reminisced about the greenness of the Marble Mountains' meadows and the clearness of their lakes.

-- Glenn H. Gaumer

SNOW QUEEN

Some lucky lovely is going to be the Sierra Club Snow Queen. If she wins over the competing club Snow Queens (if she doesn't we wuz robbed!) she'll end up reigning over the Olympic Snow Ball, and win 5 days for 2 at Squaw, a pair of Heads (skis), and enough other fabulous loot to make us poor unqualified males drool. Unfortunately, Don McClusky had to have her name (and phone number, Don?) by November 21.

We're sorry we're late, but we just received this word in Norden's only newspaper, the Norden News Letter, published by CTL.

-- HF

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LOST ARROW

(Back Cover)

John Salathe and Ax Nelson on the Lost Arrow, with the Yosemite Valley floor 3,000 feet below.

Older climbers will remember John -- "giff me schlack mit tension!" Climbing solo, a very poor example, he almost became the first man ever to conquer the Arrow. Later, with Ax, also a pretty good climber, they became the first to ever climb the Arrow from the bottom. A thrilling climb indeed, for they knew if they got hung up no rescue party could ever follow them.

Photo by Ansel "I have pointed my camera at our outdoor West ten thousand times" Adams. That's worth one hundred million words at the proverbial rate of exchange. Ansel's pictorial words have done much to show the Wilderness Wonderlands the Club is trying to protect. As such, and as a Club director, Ansel is one of those who do so much to make the club something to be proud of.

SKIS AND RACKETS

Don't sit home and shiver while so many others are up on the snow-covered Sierra. Pull the moth balls out of your ear muffs.

To help you decide just which winter sport is for you, the East Bay Dinners on Wednesday, December 4, is putting on a snow sport program given by those two delightful and informed experts, Helen Waterman and Pauline Praasterink.

Phone Helen Anthon by 10 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, at LAndscape 6-5661 for your 6:30 dinner reservation at Willard School Cafeteria, Berkeley.

-- Elaine Carl

CTL WEEKEND FOR TWO CENTS

Yes, if you send a postcard to the Lodge, with the most accurate prediction of day and hour the snow will first hit the 30 inch depth marker. Rules include: one guess per member, and a December 1 postmark deadline. Hurry!